

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: Original
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: AB 1182
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RELATED BILLS: AB 1058 (2009), AB
2368 (2008)

BILL SUMMARY: CalWORKs eligibility: Asset Limits: Vehicles

This bill would exempt the value of a vehicle from consideration for both applicants and recipients when determining or redetermining eligibility for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program.

FISCAL SUMMARY

By excluding the value of a vehicle from consideration as property when determining and redetermining CalWORKs eligibility for applicants and recipients, this bill would increase the CalWORKs caseload and result in additional program costs, including cash grants, employment and child care services, and county administration. An estimate of these costs is not currently available but would likely be significant.

This bill would have an unknown yet potentially significant impact on Medi-Cal by making eligible families that were previously ineligible because of stricter asset and savings limitations.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill for the following reasons:

- This bill would likely increase CalWORKs costs by millions of dollars annually due to additional families becoming eligible, and other families maintaining eligibility, that would not be eligible under current law. Absent a corresponding reduction in the CalWORKs program, all costs resulting from this bill would be borne by the General Fund.
- This bill would have an unknown, but potentially significant impact on the cost of the Medi-Cal program by increasing the number of people who would be eligible.
- This bill would expand the CalWORKs program at a time when California is facing a significant fiscal crisis.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	Code
5180/Social Svcs	LA	No	-----	See Fiscal Summary				-----	0001

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